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Success for all-gender bathroom initiative

by Kirsty Warren '18
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Driven by student activism and the need to make schools more inclusive for trans and gender-nonconforming students, more than 150 colleges across the country have implemented all-gender bathrooms on their campuses. Last semester, The Movement published a constitution which included a demand that one out of every two bathrooms on campus be made all-gender. Vice President and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson formed a committee of students and administrators to discuss the matter, and the Rainbow Alliance E-board drafted a proposal detailing the purpose and goals of the all-gender bathroom initiative. All-gender bathrooms "provide options for trans and gender non-conforming students who at best face discomfort and ridicule in gendered bathrooms and at worst face harassment and violence," committee member Chris Lepre '15 said.

Hamilton's transition to all-gender bathrooms will take place in two main phases. The first phase, currently underway, involves converting gendered or unmarked single-stall bathrooms as well as bathrooms already functioning as all-gender to officially all-gender bathrooms. The second phase will be to convert a portion of multi-stall bathrooms to all-gender.

"We especially took note of our fellow NESCAC schools, and noticed that we were behind some of our peer institutions not only in terms of bathrooms, but overall trans inclusion. A group of students comprised data by going through every building on campus and noting which bathrooms were labeled all gender, which were functioning as such, and which were gendered," Daphne Assimakopoulos '17 said. "The process overall was definitely eye opening for me. After examining the infrastructure and steps taken at other institutions of higher education, I realized just how much Hamilton needed to do in order to really make our campus inclusive for everyone."

The committee chose to transition to campus-wide all-gender bathrooms instead of implementing just a few all-gender options for several reasons. According to Lepre, the latter option "reinforces trans and gender non-conforming students as the exception to the rule, causes these students to have to out themselves by going to special bathrooms [and] creates potential health problems for students who feel too uncomfortable using gendered bathrooms and can't find a nearby all-gender restroom." The committee chose the term "all-gender" as opposed to "gender-neutral" to use the most inclusive terminology possible and recognize that there are more than two genders.

"Although the committee's long-term vision is to convert as many gendered bathrooms as possible, it will come with the provision of always providing a single-stall option for those who feel uncomfortable using all-gender bathrooms," Lepre said.

If in the future all multi-stall bathrooms are converted to all-gender, the Rainbow Alliance's proposal calls for the mandatory inclusion of single-stall bathroom options. This would accommodate students who feel uncomfortable sharing a bathroom with people of different genders, students who are victims of sexual assault and thus fear further offenses or are triggered by such an environment and students whose religion forbids sharing a bathroom with students of different genders.

"All-gender bathrooms can be used by anyone, regardless of their gender identity. Segregated bathrooms can

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Hadity '83 to give Class & Charter address

by Ben Fields '15
Editor-in-Chief

The film world comes to Hamilton this year for Hamilton's 65th Class and Charter Day. The annual celebration recognizing student and faculty excellent will feature John Hadity '83 as its speaker. Hadity is a film financing expert and executive vice president for EP Financial Solutions. He will bring his signature wit and wisdom to the College in talk titled "The Underrated Element of Surprise."

Hadity has more than 20 years of studio experience, including a stint as the executive vice president of Motion Picture and Television Production Finance for Miramax Films. During his time there his films achieved over 250 Academy Award Nominations and 52 wins. His films *Shakespeare in Love*, *The English Patient* and *Chicago* each received Best Picture Oscars. He also is an executive producer on the recent films *Master Harold and the Boys and Burning Blue*.

During his time at Hamilton, Hadity majored in sociology, was a member of the Buffers, Rainbow Alliance, the Wag and Alpha Delta Phi. He began his involvement as an alum very quickly following his graduation, as he was recruited to serve as a co-chair of the then-fledgling young alumni association for alumni currently known as the GOLD Group. During his tenure as co-chair, he expanded the group and led a committee of representatives from each of the 10 preceding class years. These alumni organized events that were specifically targeted toward young alumni and encompassed both fundraising and social events in major metropolitan areas. As a result of his success in this endeavor, Hadity was featured in a front-page story in the Chronicle of Higher Education discussing how his forward-thinking is now the model for programs at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Hadity has remained very active with Hamilton and its alumni community throughout the last 32 years. He has served as a class agent, chair of the Performing Arts Advisory Committee, capital campaign committee member, reunion volunteer and is a dedicated and energetic volunteer for the Career and Life Outcomes Center. He participated in the recent 2011 Career Center Task Force, which helped with the reorganization of the center. He has also been deeply involved as a volunteer for the Alumni Council, working on both the Executive Committee and the Class Leadership Committee. He served as president of the Alumni Association until his term ended at the most recent Alumni Association meeting earlier this month.

During his time as president, Hadity was dedicated to making Hamilton excel in career services. This included hiring Hamilton students as interns, participating in HamiltonExplore and career shadowing. He also encouraged other Hamilton alums to follow this example.

The tradition of Class and Charter Day extends back to 1950, when then President Robert Ward McEwen combined the traditional Class Day with a commemoration of the College's Charter on May 26, 1812. Class Day had traditionally been held on the last Wednesday of classes and students held games, athletic and singing contests and various other activities. Class and Charter Day was held on the final Friday of classes until 2012, when it was moved to the last Monday as a part of reorganizing the academic calendar.

McEwen noted that Class Day was close the College's so-called "birthday" and decided that warranted a convocation in the Chapel to hear an address related to Hamilton's history and traditions. These addresses are typically presented by an alumnus, faculty member, historian or trustee, recent speakers have included Julie Ross '84, then president of the Alumni Association and Thomas Schwartz '66, former acting President of Hamilton and current President of Purchase College.

Hamilton's annual Class and Charter Day will be held on Monday, May 11. The convocation will take place in Wellin Hall at 4:15 p.m.

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Club Ento featured in *The New York Times*

by Ben Fields '15
Editor-in-Chief

Few clubs at Hamilton can claim quite the same national publicity as Club Ento. The relatively newly-formed club was recently featured in a *New York Times* article on the "nascent entomophagy movement." The article was published in the Education Life section of the *Times* on April 12. Club president Kyle Burnham '15 credits Director of Media Relations Vige Barrie with getting the group their newfound national fame.

Club Ento, and Burnham, began the process of putting together their *Times* article in October when Barrie came to one of the club's meetings. They were discussing future plans at the time, including recent events such as the club's recent panel on edible insects and its event at The Little Pub. While some of their events have yet to be planned, Barrie took down the club's mission and "worked her magic."

Later in the year, Burnham began working with a *Times* Education Life editor who spent 17 minutes on the phone with him and had several follow-up emails. While he was happy to have the publicity, many of the questions proved more complicated than they seemed initially. "Answers to questions like 'so do you eat bugs with every meal?' involve a somewhat more complex answer than a simple 'no,'" Burnham said. But after the process, Burnham expressed contentment with the feature in a national newspaper.

Despite the challenges of explaining how Club Ento came about and the movement as a whole, Burnham gained a new appreciation for publicity. He said that one of the greatest challenges for him was finding good pictures for the article. "Since proper documentation is not part of Club Ento's mission, I tend to forget to take photos of events (let alone ones worthy of a [New York] Times article)."

The Times article covered more than just Club Ento at Hamilton, it discussed the growing bug-eating movement as a whole. While Hamilton may be in the vanguard of entomophagy, the *Times* noted that University of Texas at Austin has a club called Cramen that combines ramen and crickets and Stockton University in New Jersey has about 24 active members. However, Hamilton's Club Ento appears to be at the forefront of the movement, boasting a roster of 92 students.

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Student Assembly Update

by Kirsty Warren '18
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Pledging Resolution

On Monday April 20, Student Assembly passed a pledging resolution 21-0, with 1 abstentation after discussing a poll conducted by the ISC. The Assembly resolves to

"(1) Consider student opinion a crucial factor in all decisions affecting student life at Hamilton College;
(2) Urge the Dean of Students to actively and transparently collaborate with the Greek community and the wider student community in evaluating the College's pledging policies in the coming years;
(3) Urge the Dean of Students to earnestly consider the alteration or reversal of the new pledging policies should it be warranted by relevant evidence and student opinion."

The Top 6

by Sirianna Santacrose '15
Managing Editor

A column dedicated to the top six news stories of the week from around the globe.

Yemeni capital bombed

An explosion destroyed homes in Sana'a, Yemen early Monday morning. The explosion followed an airstrike by the Saudi-led military coalition, which has been on a bombing campaign for more than three weeks to cripple the Houthis, a rebel militant group from northern Yemen. Those wounded were immediately taken to the nearest hospital, and hundreds of U.S. citizens are attempting to flee Yemen as soon as possible. On Tuesday, the Saudi Defense Ministry announced a halt to its airstrike campaign against the Houthi rebels.

Hundreds of migrants killed in shipwreck

Last weekend, hundreds of migrants traveling from Libya to southern Europe were killed in a shipwreck off the Italian coast. A rescue operation saved around 50 people and 24 bodies have been recovered thus far. Since January, an estimated 35,000 refugees and migrants have attempted to cross the Mediterranean Sea in order to enter Europe.

Mexican police arrest Juárez Cartel leader

On Sunday, Mexican officials announced the arrest of Jesús Salas Aguayo, the leader of one of the largest drug cartels in Mexico. Aguayo was arrested in Villa Ahumada, a town 80 miles south of the Texas border. He is suspected of being involved in a 2010 car bombing and a 2012 bar shooting in El Paso, among other violent events. The Mexican government says that it will continue to work to capture and arrest drug lords throughout the country.

Former Egyptian president sentenced to 20 years in jail

Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected leader, was sentenced to 20 years in prison at Cairo Criminal Court on Tuesday. He, along with 12 other members of the Muslim Brotherhood, was charged for the torture of protesters outside the presidential palace in December 2012. However, he and the other defendants were acquitted of murder charges. The case was televised on Egypt's state media outlet.

Agreement reached on anti-human-trafficking bill

On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that an agreement had been reached on the anti-human-trafficking bill. Debate over the bill has created the longest delay in the election of an Attorney General nominee in decades. McConnell confirmed that as soon as the bill is passed, the confirmation vote for Loretta Lynch will proceed. Lynch would be the first African-American woman to lead the Justice Department in history.

Couple to be jailed for murder in Bali

Heather Mack, 19, and her boyfriend Tommy Schaefer, have been sentenced to 10 and 18 years in prison, respectively, for the killing of Sheila von Wiese-Mack last August. Schaefer allegedly killed his girlfriend's mother in self-defense, and Mack helped him to load her mother's body into a suitcase outside their hotel. Mack, who gave birth to her daughter last month, will be allowed to keep her baby in prison for two years before nominating someone to assume custody of the child.

All gender bathrooms will improve inclusivity

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often be hostile spaces for transgender and non-binary people, as these spaces are so policed based upon conventional notions of gender," Assimakopoulos said.

Around 65-70 all gender bathroom signs have already been installed in residence halls, according to Bill Huggins, associate director of Physical Plant. Huggins said that due to an error in the number of handicap bathroom signs ordered, the installation process stalled. The ship date for the correct number of signs is May 8.

With the exception of single-sex floors, all bathrooms in residence halls will become all-gender. Of course, buildings like Skenandoa, South and Carnegie have bathrooms inside rooms and will not be impacted. The third floors of both Dunham and North will become co-ed and will have all gender bathrooms for the fall of 2015, Assistant Dean of Students for Residential Life Travis Hill said.

"These changes in the residence halls are basically changes in name more than changes in practice," Hill said. "That said, we feel that the change in name is important. We want our community to know we are intentionally creating a welcoming place for people of all gender expressions."

"The all-gender restrooms project has sparked a larger conversation about how we serve and create an inclusive community for all students, including transgender and gender non-conforming students. As a result, I have created a Trans* Task Force, and we will soon be hosting a public meeting to help guide the work of this new committee," Director of Diversity and Inclusion Amit Taneja said.

The timeline of the transition in academic buildings, athletic facilities and other buildings remains uncertain. Hill said this process will take more time because it involves the faculty and staff who work in these buildings.

"Our goal is to identify at least one all gender restroom in each building on campus and to have signs directing people to them," Dean Thompson said. "All of this will happen over the summer and be in place by fall."

Additionally, there will be a location on the Hamilton website outlining where all-gender bathrooms can be found, an action which has been taken at fellow NESCAC schools Wesleyan, Bates, Bowdoin, Williams and Tufts.

"We, the committee, feel that this solution will create the most options for the most number of people, and will create a safe environment and strong message of inclusion for current and prospective trans and gender non-conforming students," Lepre said. "As many have said regarding this issue, it's a change that will mean very little for those who aren't directly affected by it, but it will mean the world for those who are."

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> *—Chris Lepre '15*

Model EU attends Eurosim Conference

by Annie Berman '18 and Nanu Mehta '18
News Contributors

On Thursday March 26 , Hamilton College's Model European Union club traveled to Saratoga Springs, NY, in order to participate in the 2015 Eurosim Model European Union conference. The team had ten members, Alex Hollister '17, Kevin Roback '17, Nico Yardas '18, Kacy Hobbis '17, Annie Berman '18, Nanu Mehta '18, Emily Granoff '18, Noah Jacques '18, and Jack Boyle '15.

The conference ran from Thursday March 26 until Sunday, March 29 and included 10 American schools and 10 European schools, with about 200 participants total. Before the conference, Eurosim participants research a pre-assigned role, or alter ego, to take on during the conference. The roles range from secretariats, who take notes and write amendments, to parliament members who debate the directive.

The objective of the conference was to amend and pass a directive, in the same manner as the real European Parliament. This year, the directive addressed cybersecurity and aimed to establish a whole EU cyber security network. Club members received this directive ahead of time, about two months before the conference, and they met weekly in order to discuss amendments and strategies to employ at the conference.

Each alter ego had a political party and committee, and it was their job to fight for the desires of the committee and party. Each committee treated a different topic, such as information and technology or personal security, whereas the parties were based on political ideologies.

Hobbis took on an alter-ego that was part of an extremely radical, non-aligned party. Hobbis had to embody this radical perspective, and ultimately disagreed with everyone else's opinions. In the end, she abstained from voting on the passage of the directive, true to her character's ideals.

The other Hamilton members' roles were relatively moderate, and mostly debated the semantics of the directive, changing phrasing and word choice. However, some committees made some major changes to the sanctions included in the directive.

The team took some time to adjust to the format of the conference, as many were not familiar with the workings and set-up of the European Union. The Europeans had an advantage as they are more familiar with the European Union and it is more pertinent to their daily lives. However we quickly caught up.

Club members learned how the European Union functions, makes decisions and debates directives, and in the end, the bill passed for the first time in four years. Going into the conference with only two returning members, the club was unsure what to expect, but in retrospect, the experience was better than expected. The Hamilton Model EU Club is eager to tackle next year's topic and attend Eurosim 2016 in Antwerp, Belgium.

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency and draw attention to students' dangerous and destructive behaviors, *The Spectator* will publish a selection of the previous weekend's incidents each Thursday. The entire report is available in the online edition of *The Spectator.* Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion regarding what is published.

Monday, April 13, 2015

9:35 a.m. Bomb Threat/Active Shooter Threat – Kirner Johnson

5:20 p.m. Suspicious Person – Bundy East (Exterior)

9:37 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle – College Hill Road

10:18 p.m. Area Check (Suspicious Bag) – Martin's Way

11:35 p.m. Area Check (Suspicious Vehicle) – North Lot

11:54 p.m. Area Check (Suspicious Bag) – Kirner Johnson

Thursday, April 16, 2015

5:10 p.m. Area Check – Ferguson House

Friday, April 17, 2015

2:28 p.m. Area Check (Alarm) – Minor Hall

9:28 p.m. Smoke Detector Activation – Root Residence Hall

Saturday, April 18, 2015

12:05 a.m. Welfare Check – Main Quad

1:09 a.m. Noise Complaint – Babbitt Hall

2:30 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Babbitt Hall

1:47 p.m. Medical Emergency – Martin's Way

10:22 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Babbitt Hall

10:35 p.m. No Contact Violation – Major Hall

11:11 p.m. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall

Sunday, April 19, 2015

1:59 a.m. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall

1:45 p.m. Welfare Check – Residence Hall

4:42 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation – Babbitt Hall

6:00 p.m. Area Check – Main Quad

SA meetings need purpose

Student Assembly has a lot to do. It funds campus organizations, makes student life active and interesting for all, and helps connect the student body to the administration. The group has a lot to do and needs to use its time and resources wisely. While serving as a representative body specifically, members of the Assembly should not use the forum to complain about trivial issues or rehash old questions and policy changes that were long ago decided. Student Assembly has and can be a great resource and platform to improve student life, but recently its meetings have been hijacked by unnecessary campaigns and personal gripes with the administrations.

This week's Student Assembly meeting exemplifies the recent spate of individual grievances and misunderstanding. While the minutes did demonstrate productive discussions about the AIDS Hike for Life and Cram and Scram Changes, they also showed how Student Assembly representatives use their position for personal thoughts and musings. The most obvious example came during the discussion surrounding last week's bomb threat and shelter-in place. Although the minutes cannot encompass everything that is said, we assume that their secretary reports the meeting's general content accurately. This week representatives showed a lack of forethought and simple investigation. Many, if not all, of the questions presented during the meeting were answered in last week's issue of *The Spectator*: from questions about closing the roads to evacuation procedures. While everyone posed important questions about Monday's events, is Student Assembly really the correct forum for them? Hamilton Emergency Response Team (HERT) and the State Police held a meeting immediately following the events to discuss changes and feedback. HERT has also received hundreds of emails and continues to welcome feedback. Yet, ignoring all the previously answered questions and re-hashed debates, Student Assembly felt the need to have their own discussion about this issue, and one which overly humored members who clearly had not done some basic homework.

Additionally, Student Assembly continues to write and propose resolutions concerning other, already discussed and decided, elements of student life. Just this month, the group entertained a conversation about the discontinuation of off-campus housing for nearly their entire session. While the senior members of Student Assembly tried in vain to tell the room that these conversations were had first in 1995 and last in 2011, the group forged ahead questioning the rationale, transparency and equity of these decisions. While it is encouraging that younger members of the student body care about such sweeping policy changes, the older members should focus the organization's energy in a more productive manner. Our campus has many questions left to solve, humoring a twenty-year old debate makes a mockery of their time and purpose.

Student Assembly provides a vital connection from the student body to the administration, but time and again they choose the wrong battles to bicker over and fail to discuss or solve substantive issues. The group needs to stop humoring members who have not done their homework or who fail to respect the decisions of others, and they need to begin setting agendas about unsolved problems that could benefit from the input of an engaged and intelligent group like themselves.

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Student Assembly lacks student input

by Evelyn Torsher '17
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Last semester, I helped the Hamilton College Student Assembly to host a student government conference for student leaders from other NESCAC colleges. It was exciting and interesting to hear the perspectives of other colleges' students about topical issues like drinking, facilities and student government transparency. Most interesting to me, however, was the variety of conversations I had with other student leaders about student government's role as a bridge between the students and the administration. According to its constitution, one of Hamilton's Student Assembly's primary purposes is "to provide the governing bodies of the College with the best possible understanding of the sentiment and opinions of the student body, and to foster the serious consideration of these opinions." Some delegations which attended the conference had great relationships with their respective administrations, and others had great relationships with their student bodies; it was wonderful to learn about how these relationships function. It made me want the same for us.

I believe that the relationship between our Student Assembly, student body and administration suffers from two primary issues: a lack of communication between Student Assembly and the administration, and a lack of support from the student body for Student Assembly. Hamilton administration works hard to include Student Assembly in its decisions, which is admirable, but there is undoubtedly room for more communication between the two bodies. It would be great for Student Assembly to have representation at every administrative meeting or to have Dean of Students Nancy Thompson shoot SA President Andrew Fischer an e-mail before she does anything at all. However, that is unrealistic and unreasonable. The administration does not have the time or resources to include students in every administrative decision, and Student Assembly does not want or need that much responsibility. SA leaders have regular meetings with Associate Dean of Students Lisa Magnarelli and Dean Thompson, and they among others make themselves very available to student feedback. Still, we as students struggle to feel totally included in administrative decisions.

Beyond this, however, I believe that the relationship between Student Assembly and the student body is key. Students are reluctant to get involved in SA or to attend meetings because they feel like we do not have much say in what goes on. In fact, I think that Student Assembly has a lot more power at its disposal than students realize, and that the administration is much more open to feedback than we make it out to be, despite the obvious lack of communication I mentioned in the last paragraph. SA needs more of a presence in the Hamilton community, but frankly I am not sure what else we can do. My fellow class representatives and I make ourselves (and lots of free coffee) available for two hours each month to hear and discuss suggestions. Our meetings have a public comment period, and the SA e-mail account welcomes feedback. Our faces are even on the wall at the Diner so that you know who on campus you should approach with questions, comments or concerns.

I too would like to see Student Assembly doing more around here. However, in order to get there, students need to show their commitment to change by getting involved and to take advantage of Student Assembly's resources. If we can get more students to show up to SA meetings than to yak about the organization's inefficacy, Student Assembly will be much more likely to be able to get you what you want. In short, we want to help you, and we want change too.

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Students often complain about their problems without referring them to competent bodies, such as SA, to solve them.

Hamilton must be better prepared for emergencies

by Patrick English '15
Senior Editor

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Many students did not take the lockdown seriously, despite the large number of police on campus.

The campus culture towards emergencies needs to change. The Hamilton Emergency Response Team (HERT), Campus Safety, students and faculty all reacted poorly to the bomb and shooter threats on Monday.

April 13 will remain a unique day in Hamilton College's history. We never thought this would happen to our school, not at Hamilton. However, as one alumnus said, "It seems that every school goes through something like this." If this is true, we must learn from these situations. We must be better prepared for the next one.

Let me first say that I am grateful to Campus Safety, HERT, the area police and all those involved for their work in this situation. They work hard around the clock to ensure our safety and responded well in this situation. However, everybody always has room for improvement.

After the threat was called into Campus Safety at 9:40, HERT chose to deliberate first rather than reacting. The first email regarding the emergency did not appear until 10:40, an hour after the threat had started. The school evacuated the Kirner-Johnson Building through a fire alarm, leaving students and faculty outside and vulnerable to threats from bombs or shooters.

Campus Safety and police chose to search only KJ and evacuate the majority of the dark side to the Field House. However, they did not consider the idea that the threat could have been diversion. With the threat on KJ and no attention on the light side dorms, this person could have gotten exactly what they wanted. At the end of the day, police forces had only searched KJ, and did not consider other places with multiple people such as the Science Center, the Library or the Field House. Every building on campus should have been searched, because the threat could have come from anywhere.

More blame falls on students and faculty for not taking the situation seriously. After the shelter-in-place went in effect, students still played frisbee on the lawns. Once students realized they would be sheltered for a few hours, some ordered pizzas delivered to their dorms or wherever they were "stuck." These two attitudes showed that students did not take the threat seriously. Students put themselves and others in danger. At the end of it, members of the community only spent about seven hours without food and water. The multitude of complaints about lack of food and water surprised me. The campus could probably prepare bunkers with supplies of food. But it should not need to. The nature of these threats is that they rarely last more than 12 hours and food and water should be the last things on people's minds.

There was an overall lack of preparation. Our first-year orientation program devotes an entire night to fire safety and each dorm has at least one fire drill per semester. When it comes to emergency safety, however, we are woefully unprepared. A few tests of the emergency system are run each year to make sure it is ready, and HERT used this system well throughout the day. However, the terminology was unclear. Many members of the community, including myself, did not understand the procedures for shelter-in-place or a lockdown and the differences between these two terms. The school should implement drills for these situations and carry out at least one per semester. Now that we have been through one of these emergencies we must notice the real threat. If we come across something else in the future, we have no reason not to be ready.

Hamilton should "Know Thyself" to sell itself

by Kevin Welsh '15
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Like it or not, Hamilton runs a business. Education is certainly a loftier and more valuable product than most, but at the end of the day the College has to sell itself to keep the lights on. This constant selling comes in two parts. This past Monday we saw one half: Accepted Student's Day. For one day, the College throws its doors open, pitches like there is no tomorrow and hopes the families who visit will buy in to the Hill. The second half exists more broadly and elusively, although it is perhaps more important: alumni giving. In that case, the school drums up nostalgia more than flip-flops to get the checks. They invite you back to reminisce and hope they generated enough fond memories to earn your monetary love later on. While this all sounds very cold and economic, it is also the truth of how the school does, and must, work.

Yet at the heart of this divided sales plan, there is only one Hamilton to sell. The school pitches aspirations to one group and memories to another, but their basis of imagining is this institution we all share. How can they define the College in hopes of reaching many audiences? This question of branding and marketing plagues all business. However, I do not believe the College has figured out an answer to it across all fronts.

The most recent attempts by the College to define itself came from a few angles. First, Hamilton's institutional goals were revisited and revised (think "aesthetic discernment" and "engaged citizenship," our new proposed mission statements). These materials lay out the fundamental—almost philosophical—principles of the college. Second, the nuts and bolts of the College shift constantly, such as the First Year Experience, the changes to off-campus housing, our new mascot and the Kennedy Center. These changes manifest themselves in the student's everyday life and define the campus in a way you can see, feel and photograph for a brochure.

When it comes to the existential tenets of the College, no one has any idea what they mean. Ask any student, ask any professor or ask anyone willing to think like a real person, and you will see immediate and comical rejection of our new philosophies. Things like Aesthetic Discernment and Disciplinary Practice lack specificity, clarity or purpose. If you walked into the Writing Center with those themes, your tutor would spend an hour just trying to figure out what those things meant. Most of our stated values are muddled, lazy yawns to the world of higher education. They cover too many things sparingly and nothing concretely. Ask a Hamilton student what their education has been like, and they will describe it as adventurous, involved, taxing and even shocking at times. None of my friends would cite an emphasis on Ethical, Informed and Engaged Citizenship. Our new academic aims do not even lie because they fail to even make a point.

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As part of a larger re-branding effort, Alex is now our official mascot.

For a few shiny words, the tenets do manage to veer into comprehensible territory. I admit that *Communication and Expression* and *Intellectual Curiosity* speak to my experience at Hamilton as a student. These principles are good places to start defining ourselves meaningfully. And one of our proposed mission statement does hone in on those values, "We expect our students to think critically and creatively. We expect them to understand alternative viewpoints and to embrace difference." Our old mission statement lacked any such precision, so I am pleased to see that we have, if only nominally, re-imagined ourselves as an institution.

While Hamilton's existential changes leave much to be desired, I typically find myself understanding and admiring the more tangible changes to the College. As things evolve at the school, many students become upset, but the end result almost always pans out. All Hamilton students, myself included, will struggle to balance the wish for things to never change against the need for a school to change. Hamilton set the scene for most of our first steps into independence and adulthood, so we have developed strong affection and attachment to its every feature. It is difficult to explain exactly why people wanted to save Carnegie two years ago, but the instinct is more primal than logical. Luckily though, I believe our school's administration manages to overlook our visceral reactions to change and changes the College for the better. Changes like this range from large-scale changes like need-blind admission and a new arts building, down to creating first-year seminars and a senior project.

I think the positive effects of these changes come from a real connection to life at Hamilton. Whether it is Lisa Magnarelli re-inventing the Student Assembly budget so clubs can do more or Nancy Thompson sitting through unending committees to improve every part of student life, our administrators pay attention and react accordingly. Students lack any useful institutional memory, so the long-term planning goes to these lasting figures on campus. They, like anyone working with the students, survey the climate, ask some questions and collaborate endlessly to make things better. At least that is what they try to do, for better or worse.

Looking back at how I experienced Hamilton, and looking forward to how I hope it continues, I think this dissonance of progress boils down to intimacy and end game. Most of the trustees of the College attended Hamilton, but no longer know Hamilton. They appear twice a year for trustee meetings, but I doubt they really ask students many questions or hear about the daily lives of faculty or staff. Unlike their administrator counterparts, they are the distant relatives that only drop in for the holidays. Furthermore, the goals of the trustees may not line up with those of the campus community. The trustees, per their position, care about the business of the college more than anyone else. They strive to improve the College, but their bottom line *is* the bottom line. Our on-campus community cares about students enjoying their new, albeit temporary, lives, and making each experience and interaction meaningful. Maybe if our trustees and planners formed our philosophy and identity through these intimate interactions instead of abstract, impersonal statements every piece of the College could improve together, creating a more coherent and better version of the College to sell.

Thumbs Up

Our Town: Confused students walk out expecting a play about a rivalry between two men named Giovanni and Tony in a bar owned by Don.

#HCGreenWeek: For 4/20? Oh, Earth Day. Right.

RA Appreciation Day: Thank you for never asking questions when we tell you we clogged the toilet for the 5th time that week.

Thumbs Down

Tuesday Bluesday: Snacks outside Euphoria, or the new name for Dollar Draft?

Housing Lottery Tips from the TUTD Ladies: Get to the cornucopia, get the bow and arrow, go find water, and then go find a boy named Peeta to pull you into a gender neutral hall.

New Policy for International Mail: This rule also applies to anything from Babbit sent to Rodgers.

Who Cares?

Student Assembly Elections: WILL VOTE FOR WHOEVER MAKES IT LESS COLD

Housing Mixer: In which people from G-Road and people from Mac meet for the very first time.

Trivia Night from Dad: So now he wants to hang out and play boardgames with me!? Well, it's too late, Dad!

by Jessye McGarry '16 and Carrie Solomon '16

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.

Bachelor and Bachelorette

Chris Powell '17

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Hometown: *Dallas, T.X.*
Home on Campus: *Kirkland.*
Major: *Chemistry.*
Do you have any nicknames? *In highschool, CP or Chrispy, but not here.*
Turn on? *A good conversationalist.*
Turn off? *Gossiping.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Probably the Farmhouse. I can be pretty quiet, and I wouldn't house too many people, but when I open up to people, I really know how to have a good time with my close friends.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *I don't usually use pick-up lines, but someone once asked me: "Do you speak French?" "No." "I could help you learn."*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Mac 'n cheese. I'm comforting, but my jokes are a little cheesy.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *When it's warm, the Glen.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *I would probably join one of the a cappella groups, because I used to love singing, but I wasn't always great at it.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *I'd give myself #1 in the senior housing lottery.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *I met Abby Noy last summer, and I don't see her often, but she always puts a smile on my face when she's around. She's pretty cute, too.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Definitely Max Majireck, but not since he lost the frosted tips!*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *My roommate, John Bennett. He's a great guy, though.*
What fact about you surprises people the most? *I don't know why, but people are generally surprised when they hear I'm on the frisbee team.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *Adidas: Impossible is nothing.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Spicy food, traveling or my phone.*
What TV genre best describes you? *A sitcom.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Leaving books in study rooms over night.*
What would your perfect date be? *Dinner by the beach.*
What's the best book you read in the last year? Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

Taylor LaSon '17

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Hometown: *Lancaster, P.A.*
Home on Campus: *Minor*
Major: *Linguistics.*
Do you have any nicknames? *Nope.*
Turn on? *Ideally he's not fictional, but I'm keeping my options open.*
Turn off? *Infidelity.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Minor, because it's really no different from any of the other Darkside dorms, except that I like it way more than the other ones.*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *"I have oatmeal and rum in my room."*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *Chai tea, because tea is great, but it should have some spice to it like Chai.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *I just put on headphones and cover my eyes. I have no proof of object permanence.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Probably one of the dance teams, but I'd have to develop at least a small amount of coordination first.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *I want a cat in my room. And to live alone with the cat in a quad.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Probably the guy I'm seeing.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *I would not say that I have one because that seems weird since they are faculty.*
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? *About seven pounds of birdseed.*
What fact about you surprises people the most? *Most of my schooling was in Spanish from K-10.*
What advertising slogan best describes your life? *The blunt, very direct kind.*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Headphones, books, fuzzy blankets.*
What TV genre best describes you? *An occasionally serious sitcom.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Using the stupid jukebox in the Diner.*
What would your perfect date be? *Any combination of Disney movies, cuddling and girly drinks.*
What's the best book you read in the last year? *Patrick Ness'* Monsters of Men.

What's on tap at The Little Pub with the Biggest Beer Selection

by Ben Fields '15
Editor-in-Chief

Few places on this campus offer the opportunity to relax quite like The Little Pub. Whether it's a Tuesday night and you're feeling the desire to sit down and try your hand at trivia or you want to get to know a professor better over a beer at Happy Hour on a Friday, the Pub is the place to be. With roughly fourteen beers on tap, depending on the night, and many more bottled, few places near campus can match the line up Chad Marshall has put together. Ask Ben, Deanna, Jo, Lindsay, Corey or Chad for a taste.

So, grab a pint and some popcorn and enjoy yourself at the Pub.

Beak and Skiff Founders' Reserve Hopped Cider,

LaFayette, NY

A different take on the classic hard cider that has been a stable at The Pub for so long, this cider is sure to become a new favorite. Beak and Skiff, known for their popular Raspberry Cider at The Pub, takes their already great cider and adds hops. The traditional ingredient giving beer its signature bitter flavor, hops balance out the sweetness of the apples to create a light and delicious cider. Although not quite as sweet as the Woodchuck cider that you might be used to, this cider has a more robust flavor.
Try if you like: Woodchuck, Beak Skiff Raspberry Cider, Prism
ABV 6.9%, $4

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Good Nature Blonde Ale,

Hamilton, NY

Good Nature's flagship beer is a pretty standard American blonde ale. This is a good beer for those used to classic college drinks like Keystone or Utica Club. While it doesn't have a particularly bold flavor, the beer still brings a few different tastes to your glass. A very light beer with a crisp finish, it's a great choice to enjoy on a sunny day.
Try if you like: Utica Club, Switchback Unfiltered
ABV 4.5%, $5

Brewery Ommegang Three Eyed Raven,

Cooperstown, NY

Although not available quite yet at the Pub, stay tuned for when we add this excellent new beer to our menu. Following their wildly successful Game of Thrones beers, Ommegang's latest is sure to surprise and impress. Three Eyed Raven is a different take on a Belgian Saison (such as Ommegang Hennepin). With a dark color and tan head, this beer has a variety of different flavors. Although it has only been relased this month, already this beer has an 87 ranking on BeerAdvocate, and looks to be the next hit from an always impressive brewery. Keep an eye out for when we add this to our line-up, it won't be around for too long.
Try if you like: Ommegang Hennepin, Blue Moon
ABV 7.2%, $5

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STUDENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS APPROACHING!

To be eligible to run for Student Assembly Position:

1. Submit a 100 word platform:
- Explain your interest in and qualifications for the position
- Email to sa@hamilton.edu with "Platform" as the subject line
- Due by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26

2. Collect signatures from classmates
- Signature sheet was emailed to you
- At least 50 for Class Secretary/Treasurer and President
- Submit completed signature sheet to Silvia Radulescu (Mailbox #1544)
- Due by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26

3. Attend election rules meeting
- Time: 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26
- Location: Sadove Living Room
- Do not begin campaign before this date
- You may send a proxy in your place

****Note: Class Representative elections will be held AFTER Class President and Class Secretary/Treasury elections***

Important dates for Class Representative Elections:
- Platforms/Signature sheets due by Sunday, May 3
- Election rules meeting held on Sunday, May 3 in Sadove Sun Porch at 4:00 p.m.
- Elections will be held on May 10-11

From Where I Sit:

Hamilton's International Perspectives

by Cesar Renero '17
Features Contributor

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Why do stereotypes arise? Bigotry, xenophobia and ignorance are all common sources for stereotypes, but sometimes there is a more immediate impulse for them, such as when I received my first-year housing information in the summer of 2013. While I was happy that I had a centrally located double with a private bathroom, my eyes jumped to the bit that talked about my future roommate's country of origin: Pakistan. Besides a few other scarce details, that was all I had on the guy.

My mind suddenly started imagining my future life, and having to get used to my roomie waking up at the crack of dawn for prayer. Would he be okay with alcohol? Does he even smoke cigarettes? When he ended up being a charming Marxist with whom I share more traits than with most people on the Hill, I was struck by the almost natural way my mind jumped to stereotypes to fill in the blanks. Perhaps it was some manifestation of first-year anxiety, but stereotypes sometimes have much more innocuous sources than pure racism.

Such has been the nature of most of the stereotyping that I have encountered on Hamilton's campus. When I tell people that I am Mexican, they are sometimes surprised, usually noting my light skin tone and my accent. Most of these comments are positively phrased, such as, "Your English is very good," but they still exemplify the micro-stereotypes that seem to unconsciously seep through conversation in everyday life. It is almost expected that expatriates would experience more stereotyping, not only because they are living outside their native culture, but also because they are more cognizant to the phenomenon.

Similar to stereotypes are assumptions. In the Venn diagram of misconceptions, stereotypes could even be placed inside the bigger group of assumptions, and this has been a striking feature of my stay at Hamilton. I think most noticeable of all has been seeing how the assumption of superiority differs between the U.S. and Mexico. While a Mexican could claim to have the best cuisine in the world, an American can clearly boast they have the biggest economy and military in the world. Both nationalism and patriotism take on a very definite tone in the U.S., and there seems to be an underlying assumption that the American way *is* always the best way, even when it is not necessarily the case.

Another aspect that has struck me is the number of Hamiltonians whom I know who do not have a passport. While I can understand that there are economic limitations to travel, I believe that there is more at play than just dollars and pennies. Why would you travel farther to an island resort with different currency and language when Hawaii is right there? Why bother with the Alps when Colorado legalized weed? There is a historical precedent for American isolationism, but the insularity of Americans has been particularly interesting to me, as it seems to be based more on practicality rather than apathy. Using cheese as a suitable metaphor, it is more about grabbing the safe bet that are Kraft Singles™, rather than experimenting between ripe Stilton or a ball of casu marzu.

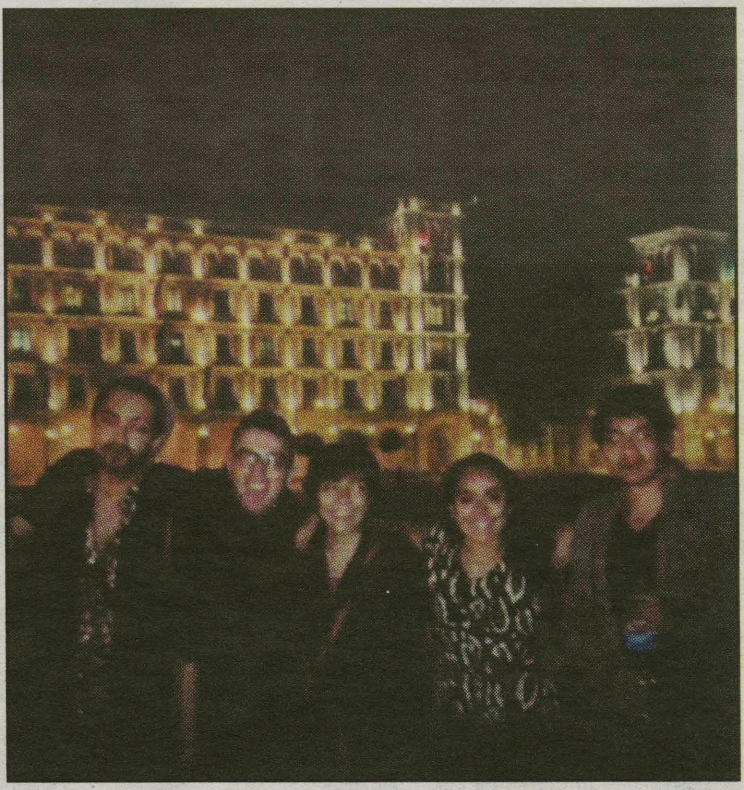
There are a multitude of cultural groups on campus, from the International Student Association to the Scandinavian Club, which help to grow the cultural viewfinder of the Hamilton community. These clubs serve not only to expand our horizons, but also to serve as the starting point for self-criticism, as attendees can be exposed to methods and practices, which may prove preferable. More than anything, these organizations heighten the sense of respect for other cultures and promote tolerance between them. However, the moment you leave the event and you go back to your room, you are thrown back into reality, and whatever information and values you were fed soon fade.

Perhaps it is not then enough to simply go to a meeting. If I were the King of Hamilton, I would make study-abroad (not to NYC or Washington) required for graduation. Being at Hamilton, I have experienced a different culture that I had only really seen through the distorted lens of American television. But now that I have two years of first-hand experience, I can clearly see what America does better, and where it falters.

For example, I can confidently tell you American bureaucracy is one of the most efficient I've encountered, with most services available online and with a minimal amount of queuing. However, street food in the U.S. is reduced to Burger King and I've yet to encounter a non-ethnic American restaurant (that is, no Thai/Italian/etc.) that serves digestible food. I can also wax lyrical about how easy it is to make friends in Mexico, and the generally more communal culture that dominates at parties and get-togethers, whereas there is something in our genes that makes saying "no" a very tough thing indeed.

But for what it's worth, it is completely meaningless for me to share such comparisons with you, because until you have spent some time in Mexico, you will readily forget this information as easily as you forgot all those facts you heard at the LiNK (Liberty in North Korea) meeting. It isn't that we don't care, it's just that we cannot become soaked in a culture without living it. Stereotypes will always be here, but if you set your mind to getting the greatest amount of stamps on your passport, perhaps they will be better-informed stereotypes, and the need for them will decrease as our love for other cultures matures.

"From Where I Sit" ***is a column dedicated to the international voices of Hamilton's campus. If you are an international student interested in contributing, contact Sophie Gaulkin (sgaulkin@hamilton.edu) or Ilana Schwartz (ischwart@hamilton.edu).***



Renero, his Hamilton roommate and friends visit the Zócalo (or main plaza) in Mexico City.

Renero and his roommate travel to Teotihuacán, an archeological site north of Mexico City.

Sudoku of the Week

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Answers to last issue's puzzle

World Poetry Slam champions Sister Outsider enthrall Events Barn

by Liz Lvov '17
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Last Saturday afternoon, the two fabulous women comprising the poetry duo Sister Outsider stood on the stage of the Events Barn. Confidence radiated from them in a way to rival the glow of the sun finally warming this winter-chilled campus. Their confidence was very well founded. The list of their accomplishments is quite impressive, including national titles in slam poetry, important accolades as writers and teachers and a viral YouTube video. Dominique Christina and Denice Frohman stood side by side in power stances, feet apart and eyes steady and warm on the audience. Their partnership marks the first time two champions of the world slam poetry have paired up. Even with their list of well-earned impressive credentials, they spoke with a candor and emotion that in no way demonstrated any sense of superiority or excessive pride. The two microphones stood off to the side. The two women worked well with the intimacy of the space, drawing us all into their poetry and their vibrant energy.

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Both women are perfect examples of the type of intersectional feminism to which we as a society really ought to pay more attention. The undeniable lyricism of their words, and the profound pain that their poetry stemmed from, spoke at once to their extreme individual experiences and to the state of our society. Both poets drew on larger themes of race and sexuality in their work, touching also upon difficult and controversial issues like education and the prison-industrial complex, but they never did so in a way that felt inaccessible or blindly angry. They spoke with a gorgeously articulated conviction that made their anger into art. Both women manipulated the timing of their performances wonderfully.

It is well worth noting that Christina and Frohman knew how to share the stage, and did so effortlessly; there was never any sense of rivalry, but rather a consistent demonstration of a perfect partnership. When the women performed pieces together, their easy flow had the audience enthralled. When one would perform an individual piece, the other would sit quietly, but never passively, off to the side, allowing the performing poet to fully inhabit her performing space. And they certainly knew how to inhabit the space. In one moment, the echoes of their voices would echo from the high round ceiling. In the ringing silence that surrounded some of their quieter phrases, the tension in the room was palpable. At some points, Frodham had the audience responding back to her, pronouncing some of her mother's Spanish phrases in an interactive rhythm that helped sustain the electric energy of the room. Christina had us laughing, and then almost crying, with a story about her daughter's first menstruation. Both women had that effect, of humor and sadness, in a way that was incredibly moving and also enjoyable.

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The result of this partnership was a truly amazing, evocative performance that had the entire audience reeling with unadulterated emotion. The one downside to this performance was its scheduled time. While the two women worked well with the smaller, more intimate crowd, it was a shame that the coincidence with the outdoor concert and 5 p.m. Saturday timeslot prevented a larger crowd to appreciate these two accomplished poets. Franny Choi, at a convenient time slot on a Tuesday evening, drew a much larger crowd that would have equally enjoyed Sister Outsider at a better time. It is worth noting that Sister Outsider in no way toned down their intensity; unfazed by the empty chairs, they dazzled their audience. With their voices and with their words, there is not a doubt that these two extraordinary women will make a significant impact on this world by speaking for those who are so often silenced.

Julia Weldon performs for Q-Week

byAlexa Merriam '17
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

For college students during the latter half of the spring semester, it is often hard to find time to truly celebrate and relax during the week. On Thursday April 16, Julia Weldon treated Hamilton with her soulful voice and string playing in the barn. Rainbow Alliance's annual Q-Week (Queer Week) events consisted of a documentary screening, critical discussions in collaboration with other organizations and academic departments and a talk by CeCe McDonald. Julia Weldon's performance embodied Q-Week's dual purpose to educate the Hamilton community about Queer issues as well as celebrate and show support for LGBTQ culture.

Weldon usually plays with her band, but listening to the stripped down version of her own original songs was an intimate experience. She opened the show with "Meadow," the raw, yet gorgeously lyrical, first song off her newest album "Light is a Ghost," produced by Saul MacWilliams (notable for working with Ingrid Michaelson and Dan Romer) and featuring Adam Christgau (notable for playing with Sia and Tegan & Sara) on drums. From the moment Weldon asked the audience for input on what type of song she should play next, it was clear that she was no ordinary musician.

She engaged with the audience between songs as if they were close friends of hers whom she could trust with precious stories. Through music and naturally comedic song introductions, Weldon told stories. The electric acoustic guitar and ukulele sounds that filled the barn took

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***The Advocate* said that Weldon, "might be the most soulful singer you've never heard of."**

the audience from the streets of Brooklyn, where she was raised and currently lives, to Nebraska, the home of a woman she was entranced by at a bar, in "Marian."

Perhaps the most touching part of the concert was when Weldon performed "Sharp Like a Knife," a song about her dad who suffers from Parkinson's Disease. "My dad is in a lot of my songs," she said. "But it's been a struggle for me to write one entirely about losing him until [this song]."

However, she was quick to lighten up the mood with her "Johnny Cash song" called "Round Again," in which she sings through gritted teeth: "I want to write like Bobby Dylan and go to jail like Johnny Cash" over rhythmic guitar inspired by the roots of folk music.

From a young age, Weldon was involved in the performing arts. She taught herself guitar from the age of 12 and wrote songs since high school. However, being a professional child actor took up most of her focus until she got to college. Acting alongside Meryl Streep in *Before and After* (1996) and other TV and film projects only helped her realize her love for performing and expressing herself. Now, she performs all over the country and has two albums out.

Weldon's voice coupled with her instrumental prowess created music that was so big that it stayed with listeners even after the music stopped. Her warm presence, and the fact that she, too, attended a liberal arts school (graduated from Vassar in 2005), drew the audience to want to talk to her after the concert and take selfies with her to remember the great night. Surprisingly, Weldon did not talk much about her experiences about being a queer androgynous musician, and the audience felt no need to ask about it. Her vivacious young energy spoke for itself, imparting that one's sexuality or identity in general should never hold one back from doing what they love and living out their dreams.

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Brian Burns '17

Do you wanna hear music from Oscar Winner Matthew McConaughey's favorite films? Do you wanna be seduced by his sweet Southern drawl? Do you want to be part of Matthew's Ladies of Tampa? Then take your shirt off (Matthew never wears a shirt) and saddle up for ALRIGHT ALRIGHT ALRIGHT!

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"Pony"
- Ginuwine

"Sexual Healing"
- Marvin Gaye

"First"
- Cold War Kids

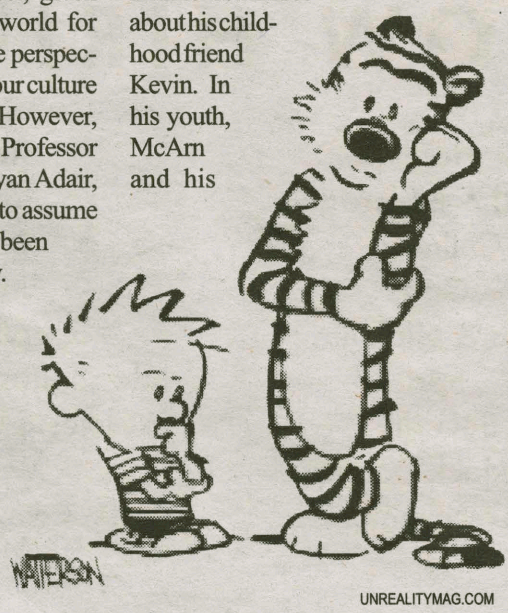
"Oh Boy!": an exploration of what it means to be a "man"

by Brian Burns '17
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I must admit that the premise of "Oh Boy!," a talk on masculinity that occurred in Opus 1 last Sunday, was not immediately enticing to me. It seemed that masculinity was already a well-tread subject, given that men had ruled the world for centuries. The masculine perspective therefore permeates our culture to an unhealthy degree. However, the talk, moderated by Professor of Women's Studies Vivyan Adair, proved that it was wrong to assume that the book had already been written on masculinity. The talk explained that there is a plurality of masculinity that exists. "Oh Boy!" showcased diverse conceptions of what it means to identify as male, which is especially relevant in the modern era as traditional definitions of masculinity are questioned.

Shea Crocket '15 and Peter Bresnan '15, who introduced Professor Adair, stated that they believed a dialogue on masculinity was important to have before they both graduated in May. Professor Adair discussed how questioning gender could sometimes seem "uncanny," like a fish talking about water. "Unmarked gender is ubiquitous and at the same time not visible at all," she said. Adair cited a study in Michael Kimmel's *Bros Before Hos: The Guy Code* in which men were asked to describe what it means to be "masculine." The overwhelming response was that to be considered a "man," one had to be able to resist crying and most displays of emotion.

The first speaker, College Chaplain Jeff McArn, began with a story about growing up in North Carolina. He stated that watching his son and his friends on a camping trip recently caused him to reminisce about his childhood friend Kevin. In his youth, McArn and his friend were able to bond over shared experiences, such as trying to sneak beers from the fridge. McArn told the story of how he and Kevin decided to camp out in Kevin's house while it was under construction. While the two were attempting to put BBs into a BB gun by the light of a cigarette lighter, McArn's hair accidentally caught fire. For his second story, McArn described the camaraderie he developed with his male friends at Davidson College. His classmates provided what McArn called an "insurance policy"— protection from the fear of being alone. In his own words, McArn's stories communicated, "how friendship can provide the context for this deep way of sharing life together that is often difficult for guys."



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Wilne Ledesma '15 provided a more sobering glimpse at male relationships, focusing specifically on how traditional ideas of masculinity can create prejudice against those who defy those ideas. Ledesma, the son of immigrants from the Dominican Republic, went to elementary school in Boston. The fact that he spoke with a mixture of Spanish and English caused confusion for his classmates, and made Ladesma realize that he was "different from most people." Ledesma also described the repercussions of a bus ride in which a classmate called him and his friend Juan a gay slur. Juan was unkind to Ledesma from that point on, only apologizing to him in high school. "That was my first interaction over prejudice over someone who has different sexual orientation than was the norm," said Ledesma.

Ledesma, who identifies as a bisexual and Hispanic, said that these attributes have heavily influenced his notion of himself as a man.

Charlie Wilson '16 shared a story about how his sexuality affected his relationship with his father. The dramatic aspects of his narrative were tempered by humor. For example, he described how internet research for a science project about Roman bats changed his life. "One thing led to another….and I discovered gay porn," Wilson said. When Wilson's father discovered that his son was watching gay porn through his internet history, he was bemused. Wilson compared this to an experience when his father saw an ad for straight porn on his computer (which appeared onscreen by accident). Wilson's father appeared happy and even offered to buy his son a copy of Playboy. Wilson described how his father was the last person he came out to at the beginning of sophomore year. His father initially said, "That doesn't change anything. I support you." However, a week later his father returned to explain that he would prefer if he married a woman. Wilson's story provided a scathing example of how non-traditional forms of masculinity are questioned to this day.

> **"One thing led to another….and I discovered gay porn."**
> *—Charlie Wilson '16*

Professor of Theatre Craig Latrell offered the perspective of a man who was born in more intolerant times. He said the ease that men of different sexualities have with one another made him "wistful" and made him wish it was the same when he grew up. Latrell also demonstrated how his perspective is still evolving. "Until recently, it never occurred to me that masculinities in the plural existed" he said. He explained that he had never imagined he had anything in common with boys who played Little League and were in Cub Scouts and fathers who played golf. "Masculinity has less to do with who you sleep with than I thought it did," said Latrell. He continued that as a youth he was unsure how to join the "club" of masculinity. In order to fit in, he tried things he says he wasn't good at, "like making out with girls." Like Ledesma, Latrell also encountered prejudice. His classmate once left a note with a gay slur on his door on a class trip, and his father even called him the same slur. As a father, Latrell states that he will try to apply the lessons of his youth to raising his child. For example, Latrell explained that he won't try to impress traditional masculinity on his son. His declaration that, "the greatest gift I can give to my son is not to enforce such bullshit" garnered the most applause from the audience of the entire talk.

After Latrell's story, Professor Adair opened up the discussion to audience participation. Ben Goldman '17 started the conversation by mentioning how class and gender intersect at Hamilton. "It's expensive to be masculine," said Goldman. When one student suggested doing away with the term "masculinity" altogether, Professor Adair demonstrated ways in which the masculine identity can be useful. "We don't want to do away with categories of gender; we wanted to do away with categories that discriminate and limit and oppress," she said. "We then open up a range of possibilities and potentials that are not limited."

The talk, sponsored by the Theatre Department in association with the Rainbow Alliance and the Black& Latino Student Union, was an important experience because it reminded the community that masculinity is not a fixed idea, rather it is individually defined. Special thanks go to the men who courageously shared their stories and continue to embrace their own singular ideas of masculinity.

Uptown Booty brings daytime fun

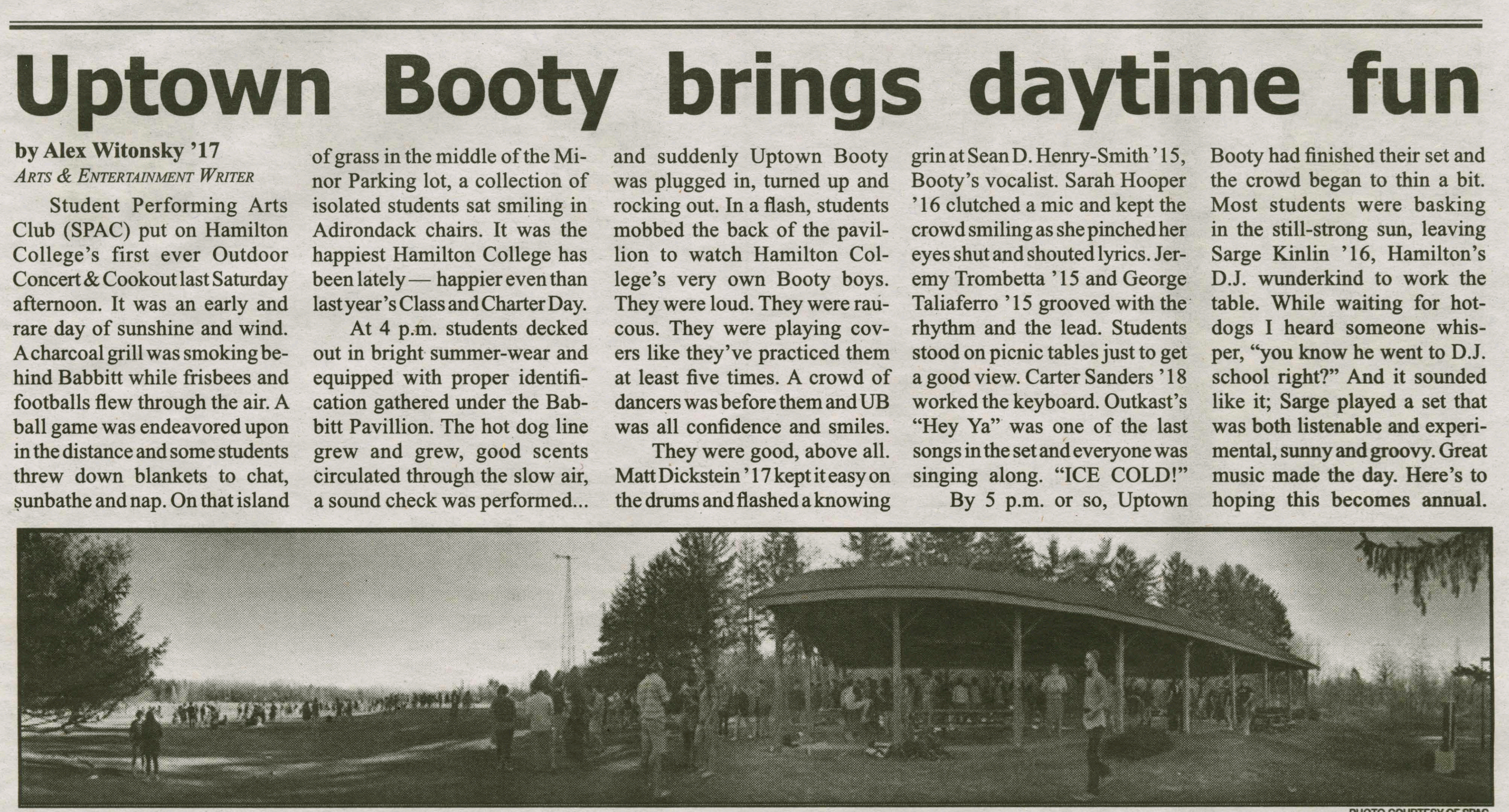
by Alex Witonsky '17
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Student Performing Arts Club (SPAC) put on Hamilton College's first ever Outdoor Concert & Cookout last Saturday afternoon. It was an early and rare day of sunshine and wind. A charcoal grill was smoking behind Babbitt while frisbees and footballs flew through the air. A ball game was developed upon in the distance and some students threw down blankets to chat, sunbathe and nap. On that island of grass in the middle of the Minor Parking lot, a collection of isolated students sat smiling in Adirondack chairs. It was the happiest Hamilton College has been lately — happier even than last year's Class and Charter Day.

At 4 p.m. students decked out in bright summer-wear and equipped with proper identification gathered under the Babbitt Pavillion. The hot dog line grew and grew, good scents circulated through the slow air, a sound check was performed... and suddenly Uptown Booty was plugged in, turned up and rocking out. In a flash, students mobbed the back of the pavillion to watch Hamilton College's very own Booty boys. They were loud. They were raucous. They were playing covers like they've practiced them at least five times. A crowd of dancers was before them and UB was all confidence and smiles.

They were good, above all. Matt Dickstein '17 kept it easy on the drums and flashed a knowing grin at Sean D. Henry-Smith '15, Booty's vocalist. Sarah Hooper '16 clutched a mic and kept the crowd smiling as she pinched her eyes shut and shouted lyrics. Jeremy Trombetta '15 and George Taliaferro '15 grooved with the rhythm and the lead. Students stood on picnic tables just to get a good view. Carter Sanders '18 worked the keyboard. Outkast's "Hey Ya" was one of the last songs in the set and everyone was singing along. "ICE COLD!"

By 5 p.m. or so, Uptown Booty had finished their set and the crowd began to thin a bit. Most students were basking in the still-strong sun, leaving Sarge Kinlin '16, Hamilton's D.J. wunderkind to work the table. While waiting for hotdogs I heard someone whisper, "you know he went to D.J. school right?" And it sounded like it; Sarge played a set that was both listenable and experimental, sunny and groovy. Great music made the day. Here's to hoping this becomes annual.



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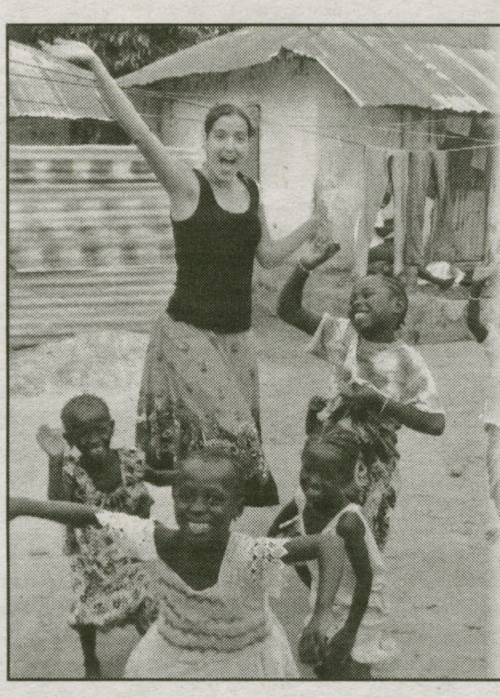

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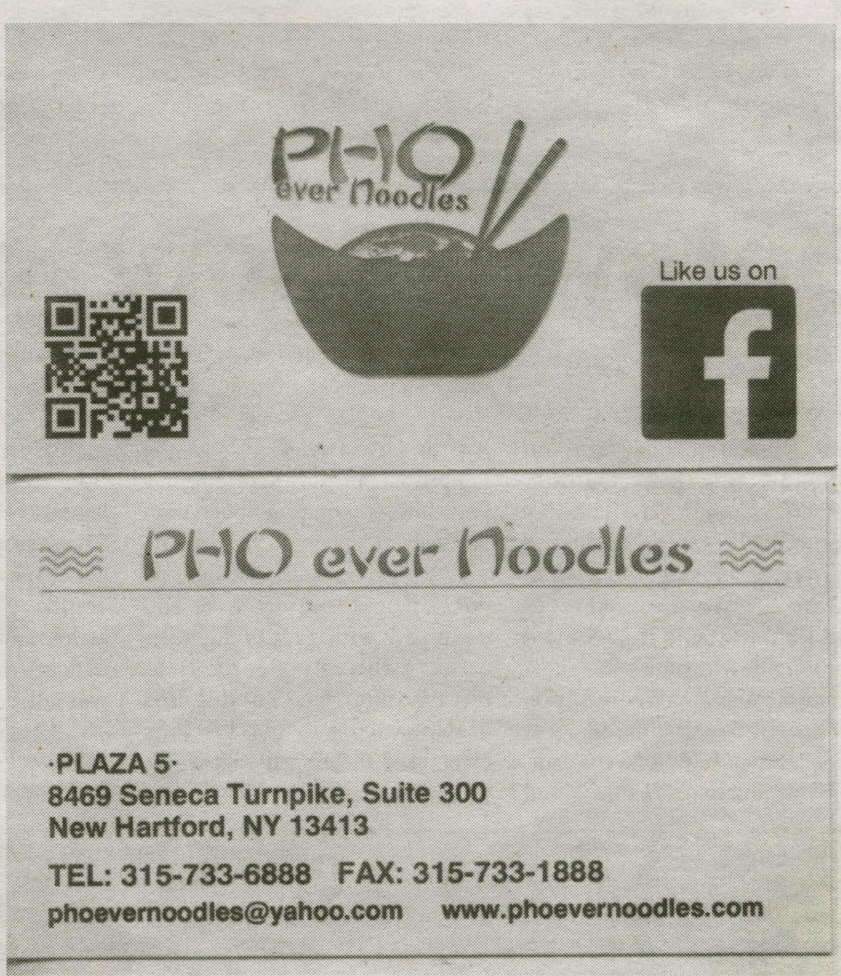

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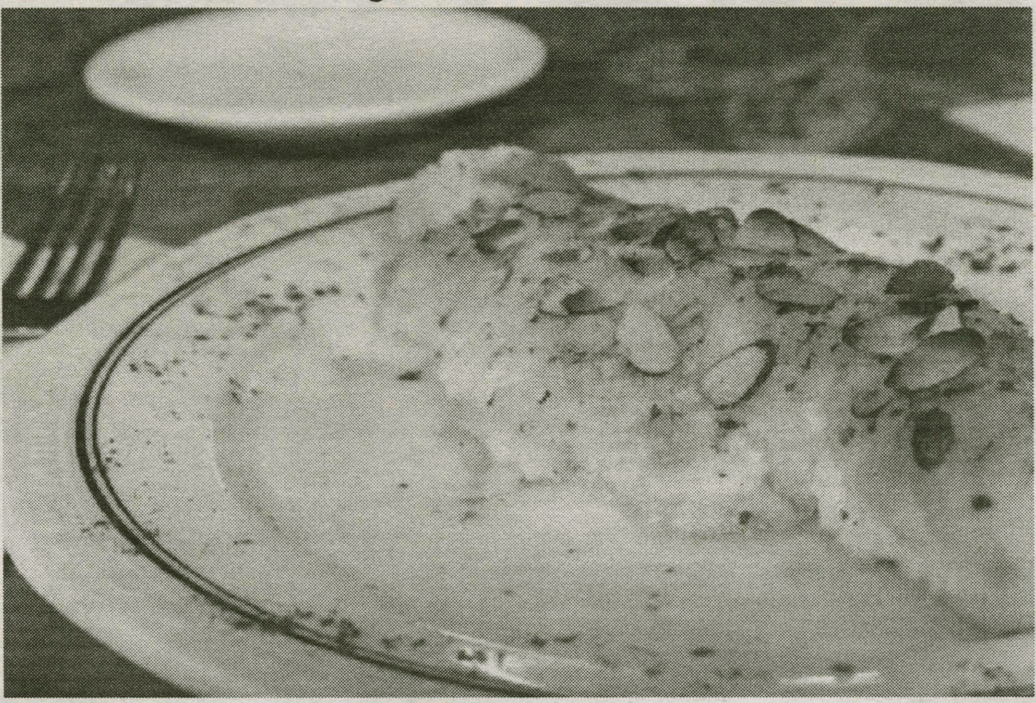

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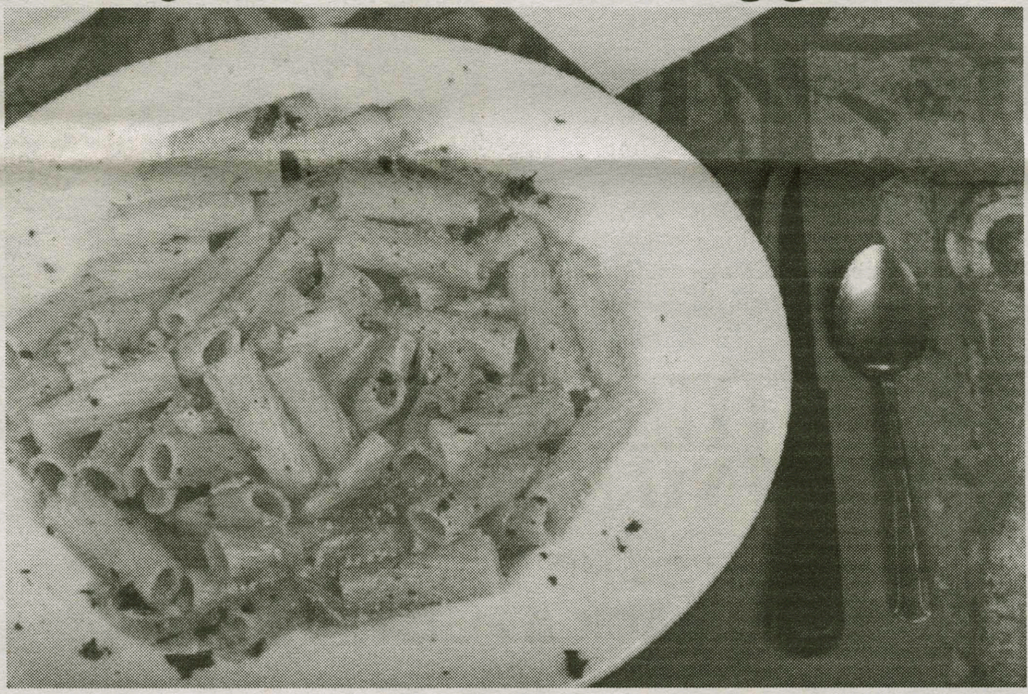

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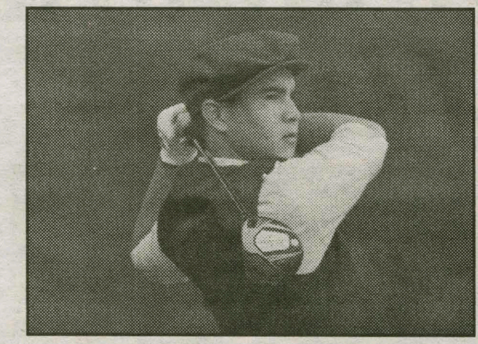
Men's golf to compete in NESCAC Championship

by Max Newman '16
Sports Editor

The Hamilton men's golf team continues to gain momentum as the 2015 NESCAC Men's Golf Championship approaches. Most recently, the team finished in third place out of six teams at the University of Rochester's 2015 Fred Kravetz Men's Golf Invitational.

Joe Tigani '18 and Matthew Yung '16 tied for third place out of 36 golfers. Tigani scored a 75 on both days of the tournament, while Yung scored a 74 on day one and carded a 76 in the final round. This was Yung's best 36-hole score of his career, and his elevated play is coming just at the right time.

"We really want to make nationals this year," Yung said. "If we keep improving like we have over the past few weeks, we will have a great shot to win the NESCAC."

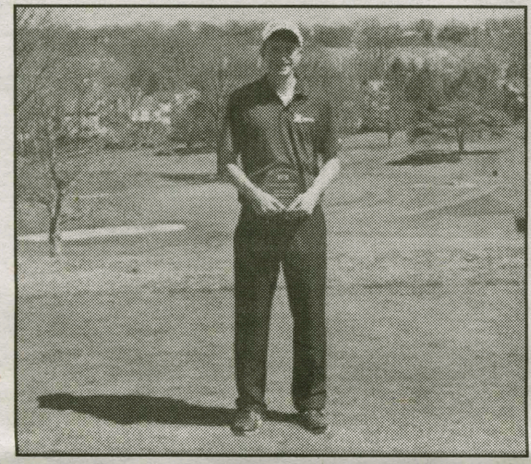


Matt Yung '16 played his best 36-hole course of his collegiate career last week in Rochester.

In addition to Yung's and Tigani's performances, Bayard Geslin '16 delivered a notable performance at the Manhattanville College/New York University Spring Invitational on April 11-12. Even in tough weather conditions, Geslin earned individual medal honors with a two-day total of 145.

The NESCAC Championship will take place this weekend, April 25-26, on Ralph Myhre Golf Course at Middlebury College. The winner of the tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Men's Division III Championship, which takes place from May 12-15 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Though the national championship is during finals week, the Continentals are willing to face adversity. The team's major challenge is defeating host team Middlebury,



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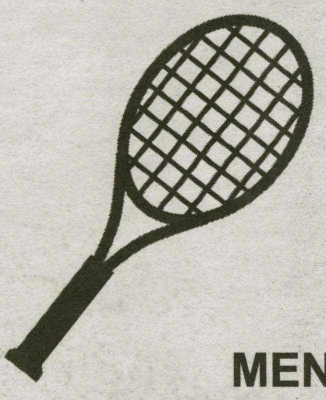
Bayard Geslin '16 earned medal honors at the Manhattenville/NYU Spring Invitational.

HAMILTON SPORTS SPRING SCHEDULES



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
4/25: NESCAC Championship
5/1: NYSCTC Championship

MEN'S GOLF
4/25: NESCAC Championship

MEN'S LACROSSE
4/25: Away vs. Tufts (NESCAC Quarterfinal)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS
4/25: Away vs. Connecticut College
4/26: Away vs. Wesleyan

WOMEN'S GOLF
4/25: Ithaca College Invitational

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
4/25: Home vs. Tufts (NESCAC Quaterfinal)

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
4/25: Away vs. Williams (Double Header)
4/28: Away vs. Skidmore (Double Header)

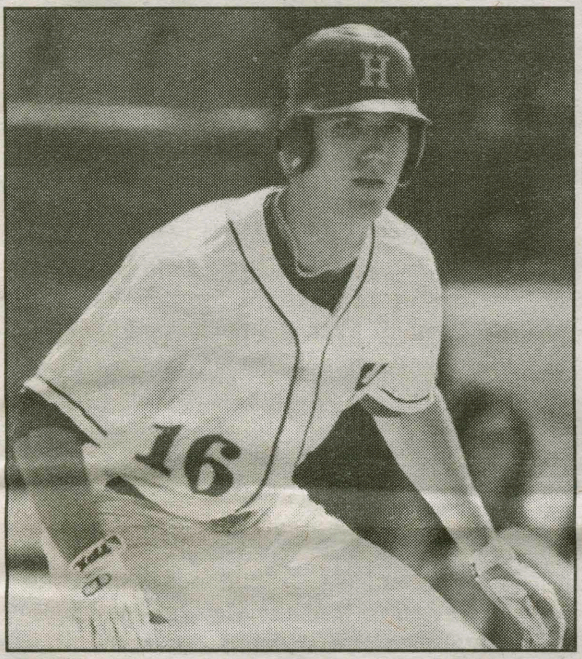
MEN'S BASEBALL
4/25: Home vs. Williams (Double Header)
4/26: Away vs. SUNY Oswego
4/28: Away vs. Utica

Baseball struggles against offensive-powerhouse Amherst

by Tucker Hamlin '17
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Continentals (10-9, 2-4 NESCAC West) took on league leading Amherst (17-7, 9-0 NESCAC West) in a three game series at Hamilton. Despite losing all three games, the Continentals put up a good fight against a very talented Lord Jeffs team that struck out 24 batters in Saturday's games.

The Lord Jeffs entered the weekend as the nation's second-highest scoring team in Division III and they collected six more extra-base hits including four home runs in game two on Saturday.



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Joe Jensen '15 has a .419 batting average in his final season as a Continental.

In game one, the Continentals left the bases loaded in both the fifth and seventh innings after Amherst had a three-run fourth inning to take a 5-2 lead. Amherst's Jackson Volle '17 pitched a complete game and remained unbeaten on the season (4-0), in a game where he struck out 10 and allowed just five hits.

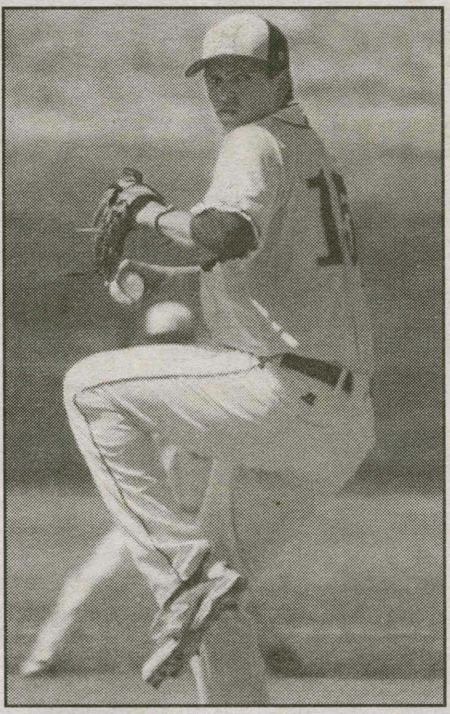
Later that day, the Lord Jeffs hit home runs in each of the first three innings to jump out to a quick 5-0 victory. Ariel Kenney '18 started a three-run sixth inning for Amherst with a home run with one out. Later in the inning, Tyler Jacobs '15 scored on a wild pitch. The Lord Jeffs finished the inning with an 8-0 lead.

Despite the score, the Continentals had their chances as they left 15 runners on base and finally got on the board in the fifth inning when David Rose '16 scored on a wild pitch. Hamilton picked up another run in the ninth after Robert Morris '17 singled home a run before, ultimately losing 8-2.

Captain JJay Lane '15 said, "We started the season with high expectations and despite suffering an important series loss to Amherst, the team knows that we can compete with anyone in the league."

Although the team hit a rough patch last weekend, the men will look to bounce back and finish strong. The Continentals have 12 more games this season, including a three-game series against Williams and Wesleyan. With plenty of time still left in the season, Lane remained confident. "We are only halfway through our conference schedule and I believe that we are in a position to finish the season on a very strong note."

They will then close the season with home games against non-conference opponents SUNY Polytechnic (double header) and Utica. The game against Utica will be the 28th annual Jackie Robinson Classic game.



JJay Lane '15 pitched for the Continentals against the powerful Lord Jeffs last Friday.

Men's tennis in the final stretch of the season

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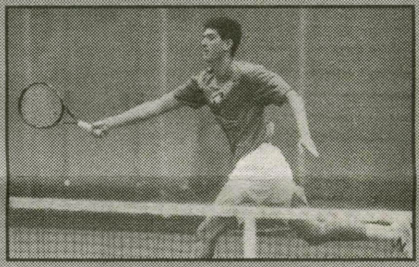
However, during difficult times this season the team could always look to Burke Paxton '17 to function as the "glue" of the team. Paxton, despite not consistently playing in the lineup this season, has brought a passion, work ethic and enthusiasm for tennis that is unmatched by anyone on the team. When asked about Paxton, Captain Oliver stated, "Burke Paxton is the glue that continues to hold this team together. His commitment to this program is unparalleled and deeply appreciated by all of us."

The future of the men's team looks bright, as a lot of the foundation of this year's team will be returning next season, a foundation that is still relatively very young. However, they will certainly miss the strong leadership provided by their graduating captains next season, as the team now will look for someone else to take a lead on and off the court.



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Alex Streich '18 is a part of the foundation that is place for the men's team next season.

Continental Sports Highlights

Women's Crew

The nationally ranked No. 5 and No. 2 varsity 8 boats took down St. Lawrence on a 2,000 meter course. Despite a strong headwind, the No.5 varisty 8 finished in 7:13:03.

Men's Track & Field

Dylan Berardelli '16 set personal records in the hammer throw and shot put with marks of 14.00 meters and 43.83 meters, respectively. These throws both earned him top five finishes against Division I athletes at the University at Albany Spring Classic.

Women's Track & Field

Mattie Seamans '18 placed fifth in the 400-meter dash (62.04s) and sixth in the tripple jump (9.97m) at the Uniersity at Albany Spring Classic. In this effort she defeated many Division I athletes.

Women's Lacrosse

The Continentals fnished the regular season ranked No.7 in the nation. The team will be ranked fourth of fifth in the upcoming NESCAC tournament.

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Softball chases spot in NESCAC Championships

by Tucker Hamlin '17
Sports Editor

Despite recent cancelled games, Hamilton softball is looking to build on their momentum from last weekend into the final stretch of the season. The continentals (12-14, 5-4 in NESCAC West competition) have won three out of their last four games with six remaining.

Over the weekend, the softball team went 2-1 after splitting a double header with Bates on Saturday and beating Amherst on Sunday. The 3-2 victory over Amherst gave the Continentals their first NESCAC West Division series sweep since its creation in 2005. Zoe Singer '18 and Kelly Leonard '15 both contributed stellar outings, allowing just seven hits to the 13-11 Lord Jeffs. Leonard earned the victory as she allowed only five hits over four innings of relief.

On the offensive side, Phoebe Collins '18 put the Continentals on top in the third-inning 1-0 on a wild pitch. Collins collected an RBI when she drove in Ellie Kiernan '15 with a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning. Hamilton went on to add another insurance run in the fifth when Julia Carpenter '18 was hit by a pitch with bases loaded.

In response to the successful weekend, shortstop Kiernan expressed her excitement saying, "We've never had as talented and cohesive of a team as we do this year." Kiernan continued, "We took all three games from Amherst, which was the first time in the team's history, but it didn't feel like that big of a deal because we knew we were going to do it."

The Continentals are preparing for three game series against NESCAC West leader Williams this coming weekend. In preparation, Kiernan emphasized the importance of the series saying, "This series against Williams is the biggest set of three games in our season thus far." Kiernan continued, "All the teams in our division are at about the same level so even though we are second, we have to win two or maybe even all three games to nab a spot into NESCAC's, which is what we have been fighting for all season."

Kiernan's comments represent the attitudes of the entire team as they look to make the NESCAC championships. While the softball team has one of the longest and most grueling schedules at Hamilton, the team continues to work hard every day to improve. Additionally, with a young team that includes five first years, the softball team will only get better in the coming years. However, at this moment they are focusing on the Williams Ephs and their spot in the NESCAC tournament.

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Olivia Gozdz '16 leads the Continentals with a .443 batting average.

Men's tennis looks to end season on a high note

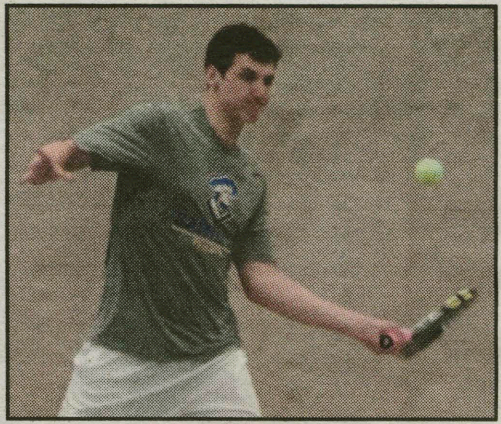
by Jack Vissicchio '17
Sports Writer

The men's tennis team looks to send off their seniors, Matt Billet and James Oliver with a bang this week, finishing their season against Hobart, Wesleyan and Connecticut College. After the season, Oliver will be heading to Case Western Law School next fall while Billet will be heading off to an analyst position at KPMG.

The men suffered tough defeats this season at the hands of rivals RPI, Colby and St. Lawrence University. Each match was a hard fought battle that could have swung either way, hinging on a handful of tough tiebreak losses. Although the team currently lacks a victory in conference play, the season has not been without many highlights. Oliver and Jon Cohen '17, at first and fourth singles respectively, both were able to win straight-set singles matches against a top-ten Middlebury team.

Eyad Nagori '18 highlighted his impressive first-year campaign with a convincing singles victory against Bowdoin College the following week. The team was also able to earn victories against solid Union and SUNY Oneonta squads. Alex Streich '18 has also played a valuable role as a versatile player in singles and doubles this year.

Cohen has been fantastic this season for the men, consistently battling and surprising top opponents. Although small in stature, Cohen uses his speed and mental toughness to out-grind his opponents. The highlight of his season came last weekend, as he was forced to play up in the lineup at No. 2 singles against a highly regarded RPI team. Cohen calmly dismantled his opponent 6-3 6-1, using his composure and speed.



Max Mckee-Proctor '17 played both singles and first doubles.

Max Mckee-Proctor '17 has also been a huge part of the men's team this season. He was thrown into the fire this season at No. 3 singles and has performed very admirably. After not playing in the singles lineup last season, Procter worked hard on his game over the summer, coming back with improved groundstrokes and volleys. Utilizing his large 6-5 frame he has developed one of the fastest and heaviest serves in the NESCAC.

Procter has also combined with Austin Lokre '16 to lead the way for the Continental men at first doubles. Coming off a record season last season, the doubles duo has lived up to their high expectations, as they have played well throughout the season and provided a lot of motivational energy on the court.

Overall, it has been a tumultuous season for the men's team as they have had to deal with the combination of a difficult schedule and injuries to their top returning singles players from last year. Ian Antonoff '16, who played No. 4 in the singles lineup, went down early in the pre-season with an ankle injury that has cost him the majority of his junior season. He is still trying to get back into last season's form. On top of this injury, first flight singles and doubles player Oliver has also missed a portion of time with a back injury. This week's matchup against Hobart will be the first time all season that the team will be able to deploy their entire lineup. The season will culminate with a matchup against their biggest rival Connecticut College.

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